

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1 through 14 (canceled):

Claim 15 (currently amended). ~~The skid according to Claim 3,~~

A skid for mounting a first and second pieces of equipment requiring horizontal axial alignment, the skid comprising:

a pair of laterally disposed base members,

a first support member for supporting the first piece of equipment, and

a second support member for supporting the second piece of equipment,

wherein the second support member is releaseably attached to and between the pair of base members and is adjustably positioned relative to the pair of base members to substantially provide the required horizontal axial alignment of the first and second pieces of equipment,

wherein each of the pair of base members has a vertical surface with a first plurality of vertically disposed holes extending horizontally through the vertical surface and defining at least one horizontally aligned set of holes, and

wherein the second support member has at least

a mounting plate and

a pair of side walls extending perpendicularly from a pair opposing edges of the mounting plate, wherein each of the pair of side walls has a second plurality of vertically disposed holes extending horizontally through the side walls and defining at least one horizontally aligned set of holes parallel to the mounting plate and which correspond to the at least one horizontally aligned set of holes in the pair of base members, and

the skid further comprising a plurality of fasteners inserted through the corresponding at least one horizontally aligned set of holes in the pair of side walls and in the pair of base members releaseably securing the second support member to the pair of base members at a selected vertical position relative to the pair of base members.

Claim 16 (currently amended). ~~The skid according to claim 3,~~

A skid for mounting a first and second pieces of equipment requiring horizontal axial alignment, the skid comprising:

a pair of laterally disposed base members,

a first support member for supporting the first piece of equipment, and

a second support member for supporting the second piece of equipment,

wherein the second support member is releaseably attached to and between the pair of base members and is adjustably positioned relative to the pair of base members to substantially provide the required horizontal axial alignment of the first and second pieces of equipment,

wherein each of the pair of base members has a vertical surface with a first plurality holes extending horizontally through the vertical surface and defining at least one horizontally aligned set of holes, and

wherein the second support member comprises

a **second** pair of cross members, wherein each of the **second** pair of cross members is releaseably attached at their ends substantially perpendicular to the base members forming a right parallelogram, wherein each of the ends of the **second** pair of cross members has at least one attachment hole,

wherein the first plurality of holes are positioned on the vertical face of each of the pair of base members such that the **second** pair of cross members are attached at a selected vertical and horizontal position to achieve the desired axial alignment of the first and second pieces of equipment, and

wherein each of the **second** pair of cross members has a horizontal surface with a second plurality of holes for attaching the second piece of equipment, and

the skid further comprising a plurality of fasteners inserted through a corresponding set of holes in the ends of the corresponding one of the **second** pair of cross members with at least one horizontally aligned set of holes in the pair of base members releaseably securing the **second** pair of cross members to the pair of base members at a selected vertical and horizontal position relative to the pair of base members.

Claim 17 (currently amended): ~~The skid according to claim 8,~~

A skid for mounting a first and second pieces of equipment requiring horizontal axial alignment, the skid comprising:

a pair of laterally disposed base members,

a first support member for supporting the first piece of equipment, and

a second support member for supporting the second piece of equipment,

wherein each of the first and second support members is releaseably attached to and between the pair of base members and is adjustably positioned relative to the pair of base members to substantially provide the required horizontal axial alignment of the first and second pieces of equipment

wherein each of the pair of base members has a vertical surface with a first and second plurality of vertically disposed holes extending horizontally through the vertical surface and defining at least a first horizontally aligned set of holes and a second horizontally aligned set of holes, and

wherein the first support member has at least

a first mounting plate and

a first pair of side walls extending perpendicularly from a pair opposing edges of the first mounting plate, wherein each of the first pair of side walls has a third plurality of vertically disposed holes extending horizontally through the side walls and defining at least a first horizontally aligned set of holes parallel to the first mounting plate and which correspond to the first horizontally aligned set of holes in the pair of base members, and

wherein the second support member has at least

a second mounting plate and

a second pair of side walls extending perpendicularly from a pair opposing edges of the second mounting plate, wherein each of the second pair of side walls has a fourth plurality of vertically disposed holes extending horizontally through the side walls and defining at least a second horizontally aligned set of holes parallel to the second mounting plate and which correspond to the second horizontally aligned set of holes in the pair of base members, and

the skid further comprising a plurality of fasteners inserted through the corresponding first and second horizontally aligned sets of holes in the first and second pairs of side

walls and in the pair of base members releaseably securing the first support member to the pair of base members a selected first vertical position relative to the pair of base members and releaseably securing the second support member to the pair of base members a selected second vertical position relative to the pair of base members.

Claims 18 and 19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (currently amended). ~~The method of claim 19, the method further comprising:~~

A method for adjusting the vertical position of a support member relative to a pair of base members, the method comprising the steps of:

providing the support member having an upper support surface and at least a pair of end surfaces with a first plurality of holes vertically disposed on and horizontally extending through the pair of end surfaces,

providing the pair of laterally disposed base members with a second plurality of holes, wherein each of the pair of base members has a vertical surface and an upper horizontal surface;

placing the support member between the pair of base members;

selecting a first set of horizontally aligned holes from the first plurality of holes and the second plurality of holes corresponding to a selected vertical relative placement between the upper support surface and the upper horizontal surface; and

releaseably engaging the first set of horizontally aligned holes with a first plurality of securing members to fix the vertical position of the upper support surface relative to the upper horizontal surface; and

providing the upper support surface with a third plurality of holes for mounting a piece of equipment having mounting holes ;

placing the piece of equipment on the upper support surface; and
~~releaseably attaching the piece of equipment to the upper support surface with a second plurality of securing members using a set of holes of the third plurality of holes corresponding to the mounting holes.~~

Claim 21 (New). An apparatus comprising:

a first and second pieces of equipment requiring horizontal axial alignment and
a skid according to Claim 15,

wherein the first piece of equipment is on the first support member and the second
piece of equipment is on the second support member.

Claim 22 (New). The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the second piece of equipment is a
motor.

Claim 23 (New) The apparatus of Claim 22, wherein the first piece of equipment is a
pump driven by the motor.

Claim 24 (New). An apparatus comprising:

a first and second pieces of equipment requiring horizontal axial alignment and
a skid according to Claim 16,

wherein the first piece of equipment is on the first support member and the second
piece of equipment is on the second support member.

Claim 25 (New). The apparatus of Claim 24, wherein the second piece of equipment is a
motor.

Claim 26 (New) The apparatus of Claim 25, wherein the first piece of equipment is a
pump driven by the motor.

Claim 27 (New). An apparatus comprising:

a first and second pieces of equipment requiring horizontal axial alignment and
a skid according to Claim 17,

wherein the first piece of equipment is on the first support member and the second
piece of equipment is on the second support member.

Claim 28 (New). The apparatus of Claim 27, wherein the second piece of equipment is a
motor.

Claim 29 (New) The apparatus of Claim 28, wherein the first piece of equipment is a
pump driven by the motor.

Claim 30 (New). The skid according to Claim 15,

wherein the first support member is releaseably attached to and between the pair of base members and is adjustably positioned relative to the pair of base members,

wherein each of the pair of base members has a third plurality holes extending horizontally through the vertical surface and defining at least one horizontally aligned set of holes, and

wherein the first support member comprises

a pair of cross members, wherein each of the pair of cross members is releaseably attached at their ends substantially perpendicular to the base members forming a right parallelogram, wherein each of the ends of the pair of cross members has at least one attachment hole,

wherein the third plurality of holes are positioned on the vertical face of each of the pair of base members such that the pair of cross members are attached at a selected vertical and horizontal position, and

wherein each of the pair of cross members has a horizontal surface with a fourth plurality of holes for attaching the first piece of equipment, and

the skid further comprising a second plurality of fasteners inserted through a corresponding set of holes in the ends of the corresponding one of the pair of cross members with at least one horizontally aligned set of holes of the third plurality of holes in the pair of base members releaseably securing the pair of cross members to the pair of base members at a selected vertical and horizontal position relative to the pair of base members.

Claim 31 (New). The skid according to Claim 16,

wherein the first support member is releaseably attached to and between the pair of base members and is adjustably positioned relative to the pair of base members,

wherein each of the pair of base members has a third plurality holes extending horizontally through the vertical surface and defining at least one horizontally aligned set of holes, and

wherein the first support member comprises

a second pair of cross members, wherein each of the second pair of cross members is releaseably attached at their ends substantially perpendicular to the base members forming a right parallelogram, wherein each of the ends of the second pair of cross members has at least one attachment hole,

wherein the third plurality of holes are positioned on the vertical face of each of the pair of base members such that the second pair of cross members are attached at a selected vertical and horizontal position, and

wherein each of the second pair of cross members has a horizontal surface with a fourth plurality of holes for attaching the first piece of equipment, and

the skid further comprising a second plurality of fasteners inserted through a corresponding set of holes in the ends of the corresponding one of the pair of cross members with at least one horizontally aligned set of holes of the third plurality of holes in the pair of base members releaseably securing the second pair of cross members to the pair of base members at a selected vertical and horizontal position relative to the pair of base members.